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April 15, 2015

The Honorable Michael McCaul  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bennie Thompson  
Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman McCaul and Ranking Member Thompson:

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) would like to thank you and the other members of the House Committee on Homeland Security for your work on the "National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act of 2015" (NCPAA) and express our support for the bill.

Cutting-edge technology and innovation are mainstays for our industry. The chemical sector uses information technology to help manage the complex processes that go into developing, manufacturing, and delivering its products. Our industry also generates valuable intellectual property related to new chemistries and processes. In fact, chemical companies invested \$56 billion in research and development in 2013 alone. Moreover, 17 percent of U.S. patents are chemistry or chemistry-related, like life-saving medical treatments, automobile safety improvements, and clean energy technologies.

Through ACC's Responsible Care® Security Code, our members invest significant resources to protect the technology that helps run facilities, as well as the valuable information regarding chemical formulas and customer databases. ACC members have invested more than \$14 billion under the Code, which requires companies to enhance both physical security and cybersecurity.

To support our industry's ongoing security efforts, it is important to have a workable national cybersecurity framework in place. The NCPAA could help advance cybersecurity because it provides the liability protections that are necessary to encourage the sharing of timely cyber threat information between private industry and the government.



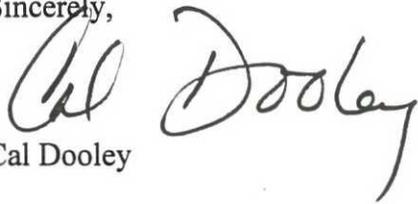
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In addition to securing passage of the NCPAA, ACC would like to work with the Committee to extend the designation under the Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act (SAFETY Act) to cover cybersecurity. We believe expanding the scope of the SAFETY Act to address cyber threats would create additional incentive for companies to take action by providing liability protections. By integrating a cybersecurity component into the SAFETY Act, companies would be encouraged to implement new strategies and or technologies to protect against evolving cyber threats. Furthermore, it would allow industry to get recognition for going beyond government standards and reducing their risk for a potential cyber-attack.

We encourage your colleagues to support the NCPAA and look forward to continuing to work with you to protect our nation's critical infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cal Dooley". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Cal" being smaller and more compact, and the last name "Dooley" being larger and more prominent.

Cal Dooley